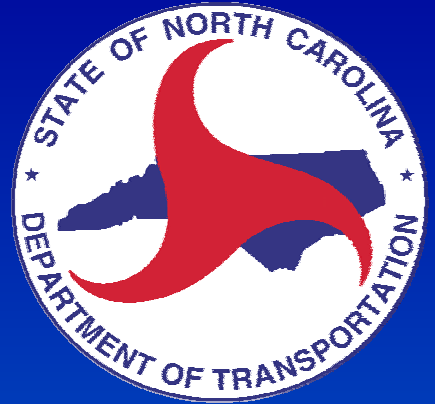
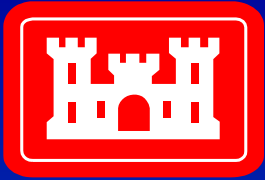


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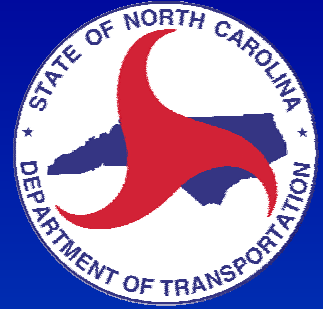
Partners for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Growth

**Presented to the NCDOT Board
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November 7, 2001**



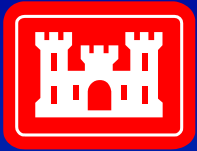
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Authorities

Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899

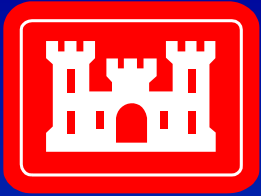
Activities that affect course, location, and navigable capacity

All work (dredging, docks, marinas, fill, etc)

Section 404, Clean Water Act (1972)

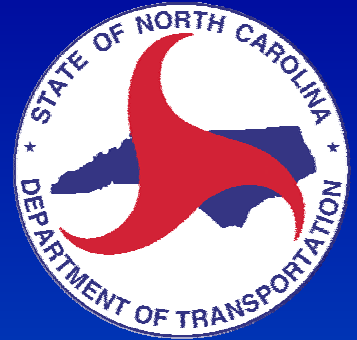
All waters of the U.S. (including all wetlands)

Discharge of dredged or fill material

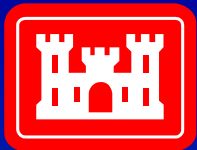


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Our Goal

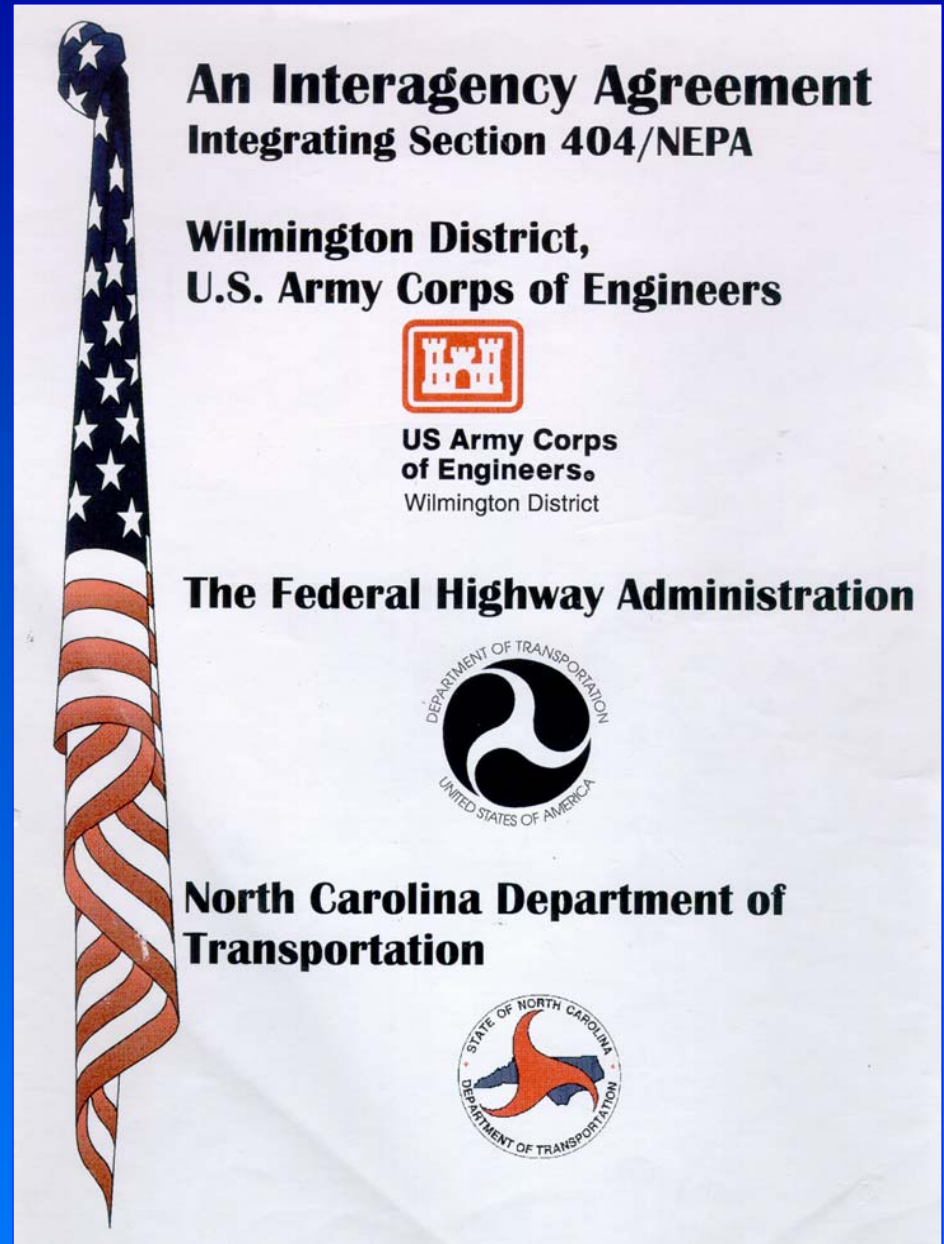


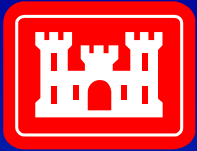
Assist NCDOT in developing high quality, environmentally sensitive projects that meet their intended purpose and need in a timely and predictable way.



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Our route to success: The Section 404/NEPA Interagency Merger Process

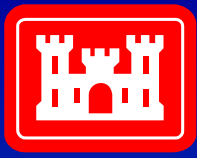




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Why the Section 404/NEPA Interagency merger process?

- **Predictable progression with lock-in at each stage**
- **Better level of detail at each decision stage**
- **Early identification of ‘show stoppers’**
- **Completed BEFORE right-of-way acquisition, final design, contract letting**
- **Quality decisions, quality projects**

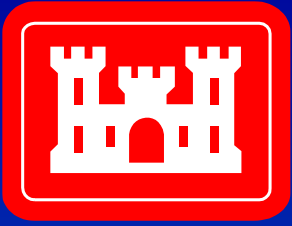


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Section 404/NEPA

Five concurrence points

- ① Purpose and need
- ② Alternatives carried forward
- ③ Selected corridor
- ④ Impact minimization
- ⑤ Approval of a compensatory mitigation plan



We are committed to process improvement

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Process improvement initiatives:

- Permitting process
- Mitigation



Improved communications/
working together



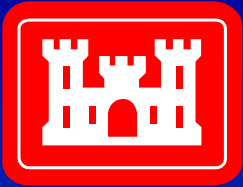
Good mitigation should be an outgrowth of a good project



Preserve the best

Restore sites with good potential for success

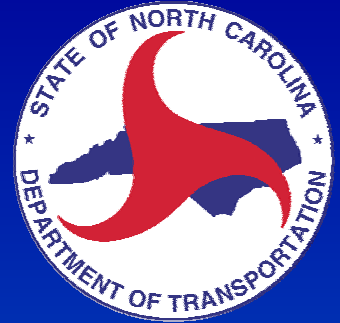
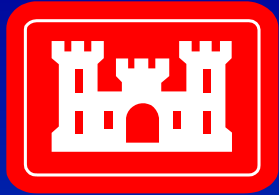




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Desired outcomes

- **Quality transportation projects that maximize environmental protection**
- **Environmental streamlining**
- **Better and more effective coordination**
- **Development of general permits and Best Management Practices**
- **Quality compensation for impacted resources**



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We are all in this together!